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NEWSPAPERS

NYT -- GWERTZMAN FROM PRETORIA (PAGE 1)

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WON GUARDED
SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT TODAY FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO KEEP ALIVE
THE CHANCES OF ARRANGING TALKS BETWEEN THE RHODESIAN GOVERN-
MENT AND GUERRILLA LEADERS."

OTHER POINTS:

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-- BOTHA TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT
PUT PRESSURE ON RHODESIA BUT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT ALSO FAVOR-
ED A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD BRING STABILITY. BOTHA
ALSO EMPHASIZED SOUTH AFRICA'S INTEREST IN GETTING ALL
PARTIES TO AGREE TO A SETTLEMENT INCLUDING ALL THE BLACK
NATIONALIST FACTIONS.

-- BOTHA ASKED VANCE AND OWEN FOR CERTAIN CLARIFICATIONS
REGARDING WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR NAMIBIA AND COULD NEITHER
REJECT OR ACCEPT THE PLAN AT THIS TIME.

-- TALKS WITH BOTHA WERE TERMED "VERY POSITIVE" BY HIGH AMERICAN OFFICIAL.

-- IN SALISBURY VANCE AND OWEN WILL URGE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT NOT TO REMAIN ADAMANT AGAINST TALKING TO THE GUERRILLA LEADERS.

-- IN DAR MUGABE AND NKOMO AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE, BUT THEY ALSO OFFERED NEW PROPOSALS THAT COULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SALISBURY REGIME.

-- VANCE AND NKOMO TRIED TO EMPHASIZE THE POSITIVE RESULTS, BUT THEY WERE UNDERCUT AN HOUR LATER AT MUGABE'S PRESS CONFERENCE. MUGABE REVEALED THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS DEMANDING THE DOMINANT ROLE IN ANY TRANSITION GOVERNMENT AND OBJECTED TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN.

-- MUGABE SAID THE PATRIOTIC FRONT SHOULD CONTROL THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE ARMY AND THAT THERE SHOULD ONLY BE ONE PARTY.

-- AMERICAN OFFICIALS ON VANCE'S PLANE STRESSED THAT THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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DID NOT REGARD THE DAR TALKS AS A FAILURE.

WASHINGTON POST -- MARDER FROM PRETORIA (PAGE 1)

LEAD: " THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN RECEIVED QUALIFIED MEASURE OF SUPPORT FROM SOUTH AFRICA LAST NIGHT FOR A NEW CONFERENCE TO TRY TO KEEP AFLOAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR PEACE IN RHODESIA."

OTHER POINTS:

-- BOTHA SAID SOUTH AFRICA COULD NOT FORCE THE PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE BUT WOULD WORK TO CREATE THE RIGHT KIND OF ATMOSPHERE.

-- SOUTH AFRICA IS EXPECTED TO ENCOURAGE SMITH TO BARGAIN FOR AN END TO THE WAR BUT NOT AT THE COST OF GIVING POWER TO THE MOST MILITANT BLACK LEADERS.

-- VANCE AND OWEN FACE GREATER OBSTACLES THAN A FEW DAYS BEFORE BUT READ A MEASURE OF HOPEFULNESS INTO WHAT THEY HEARD FROM BOTHA.

-- IN LUSAKA NKOMO GAVE AN ENCOURAGING ACCOUNT OF THE DAR MEETING. MUGABE TOOK A STIFFER POSITION IN A PRESS CONFERENCE IN DAR IN WHICH HE DEMANDED A "PREDOMINANT ROLE" FOR

THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND ADVOCATED A ONE-PARTY STATE.

-- MUGABE'S LANGUAGE IS BOUND TO HAVE UNFAVORABLE REPERCUSSIONS IN SALISBURY.

-- ON NAMIBIA, VANCE SAID THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS RAISED SOME "IMPORTANT ISSUES" REQUIRING CLARIFICATION.

BALTIMORE SUN -- TREWHITT FROM PRETORIA (PAGE 1)
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LEAD: "SOUTH AFRICA CAUTIOUSLY ENDORSED YESTERDAY THE IDEA OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN RIVALS FOR POWER IN RHODESIA, A SIGNAL THAT COULD INFLUENCE THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT THERE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- BOTHA DID NOT DIRECTLY URGE ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE BUT SAID SOUTH AFRICA WOULD WORK TO CREATE A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

-- THIS WAS THE SECOND FRAGMENT OF ENCOURAGEMENT VANCE AND OWEN HAVE RECEIVED; THE OTHER WAS THE AGREEMENT OF NKOMO AND MUGABE TO ALL-PARTY MEETING. BUT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS DEMANDED CONTROL OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND MILITARY FORCES DURING THE TRANSITION.

-- VANCE AND OWEN HAD SERIOUS DISCUSSION WITH BOTHA ABOUT NAMIBIA -- ONE OF THE MOST CONSTRUCTIVE DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE US IN YEARS.

-- BOTHA SAID SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT WITHDRAW UNTIL GENUINE CEASEFIRE IS GUARANTEED. VANCE AGREED THAT BOTHA HAD RAISED LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WESTERN PLAN FOR NAMIBIA.

-- US ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO PROMOTE ORDERLY TRANSITION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN BROADER TERMS IT WANTS TO LIMIT SOVIET/CUBAN INFLUENCE. OFFICIALS SAY THAT USE OF AMERICAN MILITARY POWER IS UNTHINKABLE; THEREFORE, DIPLOMACY IS THE ONLY OPTION OPEN.

-- US OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY SORELY NEED A CLEARLY DEFINED DIPLOMATIC SUCCESS. ALL THEY EXPECT IN SALISBURY
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IS TO KEEP THE PROCESS ALIVE.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR -- SOUTHERLAND FROM PRETORIA

LEAD: " DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE BLACK GUERRILLA LEADERS OF

RHODESIA HAVE SEVERELY UNDERCUT SECSTATE VANCE'S BARGAINING POSITION WITH BOTH SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA AS HE WINDS UP HIS BRIEF MISSION TO AFRICA."

OTHER POINTS:

-- SOUTH AFRICA IS SEEN AS THE KEY IN GETTING SMITH TO ABANDON OR MODIFY THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

-- US AND BRITAIN'S ONLY OPTION IS TO "KEEP THE PROCESS GOING."

-- US AND BRITISH OFFICIALS CLAIMED TO HAVE GAINED AT DAR MEETING, BUT WIDE DIFFERENCES WERE OBVIOUS BETWEEN THE GUERRILLA LEADERS AND VANCE-OWEN ON THE CENTRAL LEADERS.

-- MUGABE DECLARED FRONT SHOULD HOLD "PREDOMINANT ROLE" DURING TRANSITION. MUGABE OFFERED NOTHING LIKELY TO ATTRACT SMITH.

-- WELL-PLACED SOURCES INSISTED THAT ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WITHIN NEXT SIX WEEKS.

WASHINGTON STAR -- BRADSHAW FROM SALISBURY (PAGE 1)

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN TODAY BEGAN TRYING TO CONVINCE AFRICAN AND WHITE LEADERS IN RHODESIA TO NEGOTIATE A PEACE AGREEMENT WITH AFRICAN GUERRILLAS IN ORDER TO AVOID AN INCREASINGLY BITTER WAR."

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OTHER POINTS:

-- SMITH REGIME IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE WITH INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND HOPES TO ERODE GUERRILLAS' SUPPORT AND WIN THE WAR.

-- LARGE GROUPS OF DEMONSTRATORS GREETED VANCE AND OWEN.

-- AFTER PATRIOTIC FRONT DEMANDED DOMINANT POSITION IN TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT, VANCE AND OWEN LOWERED EXPECTATIONS FROM ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE TO CONTINUING THE PROCESS.

-- ABOARD PLANE, SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID VISIT TO SALISBURY WILL SERVE PURPOSE IF THE INTERNAL LEADERS DO NOT FLATLY REJECT THE IDEA OF AN EVENTUAL CONFERENCE. VANCE AND OWEN WISH TO KEEP THE DIALOGUE OPEN.

-- US OFFICIAL SAID US HAS TWO OPTIONS IF CONFERENCE DOES NOT OCCUR: GO TO THE UN OR "LET IT SIMMER FOR A WHILE."

SIMMERING MEANS AN INCREASE IN THE GUERRILLA WAR. MUZOREWA FEELS THAT A DELAY WILL WORK TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

SATR ALSO HAS A BRADSHER PIECE FROM PRETORIA REITERATING THE POINTS MADE IN OTHER PAPERS.

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UPI -- ANDERSON FROM SALISBURY

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN SPENT NEARLY THREE HOURS WITH RHODESIAN LEADERS TODAY IN A LAST-UNCLASSIFIED

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DITCH EFFORT TO SET UP NEGOTIATIONS WITH GUERRILLA FACTIONS AND AVOID WT THEY FEAR MAY BECOME A GENERAL CIVIL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

OTHER POINTS:

-- SEVERAL THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS SUPPORTING THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT GREETED THE TWO.

-- VANCE TOLD REPORTERS ON PLANE THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT GOAL IS TO GET THE PARTIES TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER. A US OFFICIAL SAID VANCE WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN A FLAT "NO."

-- VANCE AND OWEN WILL TRY TO CONVINCE THE INTERNAL LEADERS THAT THEY HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE IN MEETING WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT.

-- OFFICIALS BELIEVE AN ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE IS STILL A POSSIBILITY. THEY SAID US AND BRITAIN COULD NOT ACCEPT DEMANDS FOR PATRIOTIC FRONT DOMINANCE OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT. VANCE AND OWEN WERE ENCOURAGED BY THEIR TALKS WITH BOTH.

-- US OFFICIAL SAID VANCE WOULD MAKE A 90 MINUTE REFUELING STOP IN CAIRO, BUT HE WOULD NOT CONFIRM REPORTS THAT VANCE WOULD MEET WITH KAMEL AT AIRPORT.

REUTER -- NO BYLINE FROM SALISBURY

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN TALKED WITH WHITE AND BLACK RHODESIAN LEADERS FOR NEARLY THREE HOURS TODAY WITHOUT APPARENT PROGRESS TOWARD ARRANGING AN ALL-PARTY RHODESIA CONFERENCE."

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-- THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ANY SHIFT IN VIEWS DURING THE SESSION.

-- OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE US AND BRITAIN WERE READY TO WAIT SEVERAL WEEKS FOR THE RHODESIAN REPLY TO THE CALL FOR THE ALL PARTY-CONFERENCE.

AP -- NO SCHWEID IN MORNING TAKE

RADIO/TV

TRIP MENTIONED BY ANCHORS ON MORNING TV NEWS BROADCASTS.

WTOP RADIO -- SCHWEID FROM PRETORIA

ANCHOR: SECSTATE VANCE AND FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN ARE IN SALISBURY, RHODESIA THIS MORNING MEETING WITH IAN SMITH AND THE THREE MODERATE BLACK LEADERS WHO NOW FORM RHODESIA'S GOVERNMENT. VANCE AND OWEN WILL HAVE ANOTHER GO AT TRYING TO PERSUADE HIM TO BUY THE AMERICAN BRITISH PLAN FOR MOVING THAT COUNTRY TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE INSTEAD OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT THEY'VE ALREADY SIGNED. BUT THE CHANCES ARE THAT VANCE AND OWEN WILL END UP WITH A THIRD STRIKE IN THEIR CURRENT AFRICAN TRIP. STRIKE ONE CAME WHEN THEY FAILED TO PERSUADE RHODESIAN GUERRILLA LEADERS ROBERT MUGABE AND JOSHUA NKOMO TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE BRITISH-AMERICAN PLAN, AND STRIKE TWO CAME YESTERDAY WHEN THEY FAILED TO TALK SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS INTO HELPING TO TRANSFER ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLAN. AS CORRESPONDENT SCHWEID REPORTS, ABOUT ALL THEY GOT IN PRETORIA WAS A PROMISE TO HELP CREATE A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE.

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SCHWEID: SOUTH AFRICA HAS PROMISED TO TRY TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. THE PLEDGE WAS GIVEN IN PRETORIA TO SECSTATE VANCE BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA, THEN REITERATED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE.

BOTHA: ... CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION IN THE PAST VERY SELDOM RECOGNIZED. IT'S IN OUR INTEREST, (UNCLEAR) AND WE WILL WORK TOWARDS THE KIND OF ATMOSPHERE AMENABLE TO REACH A (UNCLEAR).

SCHWEID: WHILE BOTHA SAID IT IS NOT FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO PRESS A PARTICULAR PLAN ON RHODESIA, TO KNOCK RHODESIAN LEADERS OVER THE HEAD TO COERCE THEM. RHODESIA'S FUTURE,

HE SAID, SHOULD BE DECIDED BY RHODESIANS.

CBS RADIO, WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP, KALB FROM SALISBURY

KALB: OVERCAST WEATHER -- A SLIGHT DRIZZLE, EXTRA SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AS VANCE AND OWEN ARRIVED HERE ON THEIR CRUCIAL MISSION TO TRY TO GET RHODESIA TO REVERSE ITS OPPOSITION TO MEETING WITH GUERRILLA LEADERS TO WORK OUT A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER WENT DIRECTLY TO THEIR OPENING SESSION WITH IAN SMITH AND THE THREE BLACK MODERATE LEADERS WHO COMPRISE THE NEW MINISTERIAL COUNCIL.

VANCE AND OWEN CLEARLY DO NOT EXPECT TO SUCCEED ON THIS ONE MISSION. IN FACT, OWEN'S STRATEGY IS NOT TO ASK FOR A FLAT YES OR NO FROM RHODESIA ON AN ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE. VANCE'S OWN FEELING IS THAT IT MIGHT TAKE WEEKS BEFORE THE RHODESIANS CAME UP WITH A FIRM REPLY. IN FACT, SOME IDEA OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN DELEGATION'S UNCERTAIN EXPECTATION IS THIS -- THAT IF THE UNITED STATES WERE ABLE TO DEPART FROM HERE LATER TODAY WITHOUT A FLAT REJECTION, EVEN THAT WOULD LEAVE VANCE FEELING ENCOURAGED. ANOTHER INDICATOR
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OF THE TENSE REALITY HERE IS THAT ONE OF THE BLACK LEADERS ON THE COUNCIL SAYS THAT HE IS CONVINCED THT THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN ARE BIASED IN FAVOR OF THE GUERRILLAS. CHRISTOPHER

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